

# WEST LANCASHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

HELD: 10<sup>th</sup> July 2013

Commenced: 6.00 pm  
Finished: 7.45 pm

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## PRESENT:

David Tilleray	-	WLBC (CSP Chairman)
Andrew Hill	-	WLBC
Ian Whitehead	-	Lancashire Constabulary
County Councillor Aldridge	-	WLBC
Jan Tyrer	-	Discover Drug and Alcohol Services
Frank Robinson	-	Lancashire Fire & Rescue
Dave Griffiths	-	Lancashire Fire & Rescue
Paul Malone	-	Edge Hill University
Robert Ruston	-	OPCC
David Hindley	-	West Lancashire College
Dorothy Shields	-	Lancashire Probation Trust
Les Newman	-	Skelmersdale Street Pastors
David Gallagher	-	West Lancs. Area Committee
Julie Cummins	-	Lancashire YOT
Steve Mahon	-	WLBC
Bill Hancox	-	Edge Hill University
Gareth Dykes	-	West Lancashire PACT
Lucinda Cawley	-	NHS West Lancashire CCG
Councillor Sudworth	-	WLBC
Councillor Cropper	-	WLBC

## Edge Hill Facilities

## IN ATTENDANCE:

Cliff Owens	-	WLBC
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## 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairman welcomed colleagues to the meeting and introductions were made.

## 2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from:

Sue Hogan, Councillor Atherley, Supt. Gomery, John Newman, Gill Rowe, Roger Merry, Greg Mitten, Christine Coleman, Christina Shorrocks, Phil O'Donnell, Eleanor Maddocks, Councillor Evans,

## 3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING/MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record.

#### **4. RECOVERY IN WEST LANCASHIRE**

The Partnership received a verbal presentation from an ex service user and member of the Lancashire User Forum on the theme of recovery in the community and the substance misuse services available in West Lancashire.

The verbal presentation included a personal account of a female's journey from engaging in a cycle of substance misuse over many years to recovery. The presentation covered a number of diverse and personal issues from drug and alcohol abuse to criminality which led to a custodial prison sentence. The presentation highlighted the value of recovery services in the community and peer support in helping people to recover from drug and alcohol addiction.

The presentation was followed by a number of questions on the recovery services available in the community. Lucinda Cawley advised the presenter that the West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) could offer support with the development of recovery services in the community in partnership with GP's and Primary Care.

#### **5. ONE WEST LANCASHIRE UPDATE**

The Chairman, David Tilleray provided an update on the development of 'One West Lancashire,' the strategic forum that has replaced the West Lancashire Local Strategic Partnership. The Chairman advised that the CSP, although a statutory group sat within the LSP structure which has been officially disbanded. The Chairman advised that the CSP had received substantial funding through the LSP for a number of schemes including the upgrade of the CCTV scheme, domestic abuse interventions and body cameras for the police.

The Chairman advised that One West Lancashire has been set up to continue the work previously undertaken by the LSP and the West Lancashire Council for Voluntary Services (CVS) have agreed to provide the secretariat service for the first year of its operation. The Chairman advised that other than a change of administration we should not see any significant differences between One West Lancashire and the West Lancashire Strategic Partnership. It is expected that the group will be attended by lead agency representatives and chairs of the various thematic groups that formed the LSP. The One West Lancashire Board meeting is scheduled to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

#### **6. PERFORMANCE MONITORING**

The Chairman invited partner agencies to provide a verbal overview of current performance.

Chief Inspector Whitehead advised the Partnership that we have recorded a quarterly reduction of 8.4% against the All Crime category and he added that this is in direct comparison with excellent performance in the corresponding period of 2012/13. C.I. Whitehead advised that the police are starting to take a

more detailed approach to data with control charts being introduced to establish if rises and falls in crime are a normal variation or statistically significant. This process will support the constabulary's strategy of applying resources to risk.

C.I. Whitehead continued by providing an overview of the performance information contained within the meeting pack. He advised that the only area recording an issue was 'alcohol related violent crime.' C.I. Whitehead stated that overall violent crime is down. He also advised the partnership that in response to alcohol related crime Lancashire Constabulary has established a Corporate Alcohol Harm Reduction Group to specifically look at this issue.

Lucinda Cawley highlighted the information provided by the Trauma Intelligence Group (TIG) as a source of data that could assist the process. C.I. Whitehead advised that the police are looking at this type of data and the amount of data that is being recorded across Lancashire but added that there was some inconsistencies with data recorded at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital. C.I. Whitehead and Lucinda agreed to discuss this issue further.

Steve Mahon provided the Partnership with an overview of performance for the ASB Team. Steve provided an overview of the performance information and highlighted three good outcomes during the quarter supported by positive press coverage. Steve added that the outcomes were based on good partnership working with the police and gave an example of stolen property being found in a council's tenant's house which led to an eviction. This outcome involved some detailed analysis to establish where the stolen property had come from. Steve added that two further outcomes were as a result of cannabis production and a breach of an ASBI which led to a custodial sentence. Steve added that the publicity assists in providing community reassurance.

Dorothy Shields provided the Partnership with an overview of performance on behalf of Lancashire Probation Trust. Dorothy provided an overview of performance with a focus on the adult reoffending rate. Dorothy emphasised that we are sitting in a high performing police area and although there has been a slight increase in the adult reoffending rate, Probation do support the police in achieving a significant amount of convictions'. The overall reoffending rate is down by 0.9% compared with the previous year.

Jan Tyrer provided the Partnership with an overview of the performance information for Discover Drug and Alcohol Services. Jan stated that there was a slight increase in referrals for drug and alcohol use. Increases in discharges were recorded for clients who became drug free which Jan described as excellent news. Jan added that the primary drug of choice in West Lancashire is Cannabis and for criminal justice clients this continues to be a key issue. Jan added a notable change is the time it takes to move people through the treatment journey and this has improved with clients spending less time in treatment.

Frank Robinson provided the Partnership with an overview of performance for Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service. Frank reported that during quarter one West Lancashire has had 14 Accidental Dwelling Fires with no casualties

recorded. LF&RS teams are continuing to reinforce the safety messages when conducting Home Fire Safety Checks to prevent reoccurrences. West Lancashire has had 7 accidental building fires during this quarter and 2 resulted in the declaration of a 'Merlin'. In the incident where a Merlin was declared evacuations were made due to the significant risk from the cylinders involved – FSE action is pending on this incident.

During quarter one West Lancashire has had 13 deliberate primary fires. All but one of these deliberate primary fires occurred in the wards of Skelmersdale. Of the 12 deliberate primary fires 1 was a property deliberately set alight by the occupant (resulting in a rescue with subsequent arrest), 7 of these were arson attacks on vehicles, with the other 3 being property related caused by the deliberate ignition of materials in waste in bin compartments or waste bins themselves. Investigative work is ongoing with regards to a number of these incidents.

West Lancashire has had 77 deliberate secondary fires which is a figure that is somewhat higher than the previous year. Predictably the vast majority of these deliberate fires are a result of the conscious ignition of grass/scrub or loose refuse – with noted increases of grass fires occurring during periods of warm weather.

Frank advised that the Community Action and Engagement events including environmental visual audits and good liaison with WLBC is proving to be effective in reducing the amount of loose refuse available to those with the disposition to set it alight, and work with Beat Officers/PCSO's in this area will continue and will include planning for activity around the Halloween/bonfire period.

A total of 826 Home Fire Safety Checks were carried out in across West Lancashire between April and June this year, with 585 (71%) of these delivered in our targeted areas – Older People, those living on their own and other groups deemed to be high priority or high risk.

Julie Cummins provided the partnership with an overview of performance on behalf of the Lancashire YOT. Julie advised the partnership that YOT are measured against 3 outcomes which include First Time Entrants, Recidivism and Custody. Julie advised that the team have recorded dramatically reduced figures. Julie emphasised the role of partnership working with the police and the positive contribution that agreed interventions have when put in place prior to young people becoming subject to YOT. Julie highlighted the good performance against recidivism with only 5 recorded in Southern Division. Julie stated that the cases that YOT are dealing with now tend to be the more complex cases involving high vulnerability or high risk of reoffending. In summary Julie added that the direction of travel looks positive with cases dropping significantly.

## **7. OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER UPDATE**

Robert Ruston, from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner provided the Partnership with an overview of funding and priorities on behalf

of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Robert advised that the Police and Crime Plan is now complete. The plan covers both local priorities and key areas of business. Robert advised that the theme of 'victims' overlaps all priorities and is a key driver against delivery. Robert advised that from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 the PCC will also be responsible for commissioning Victim Support Services. Robert advised that a longer term plan will involve intervening early and upstream to reduce demand on policing and other agencies. Robert advised that the Plan will be refreshed on an annual basis. A copy of the Police and Crime Plan can be found on the website.

[www.lancashire-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.lancashire-pcc.gov.uk)

Robert continued by advising that a further key priority is the theme of 'Child Sexual Exploitation' and the PCC will increasingly become involved in supporting delivery against tackling this issue. The PCC will also be attending the next Lancashire Users Forum (LUF) which will be held in Preston. This will provide a first hand opportunity to witness supporting recovery in the community.

Robert confirmed the funding allocation for West Lancashire CSP and added that a further three thousand pounds remains unallocated and advised that the CSP should look to claim this funding as soon as possible. Robert stated that the PCC, Clive Grunshaw will attend the West Lancashire Community Action and Engagement Event scheduled for the 24 July as part of his PCC Roadshow.

The Chairman thanked Robert for his update.

## **8. LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY DIVISIONAL RESTRUCTURE**

Chief Inspector Ian Whitehead provided the Partnership with an update against the proposed changes to the current divisional structures. Ian confirmed that there will be a reduction in territorial Divisions to source a further £20 million in savings on top of the £40 million savings which have been made.

Ian stated that every area of business is going through a review and decisions will be made over the next couple of months. Discussions are ongoing between the Chief Officers Team and the Office of the PCC.

Southern and Central Division will be merged to create a 'super division'. This will also mean changes to HQ's Division and specialist police services will be affected. Ian advised that the commitment to Neighbourhood Policing remains and added that there is a recognition of the geography of West Lancashire, its local issues and the need for consideration of where officers are based.

Ian stated that the police will be doing all they can to protect front line services and there will be an increased focus on reducing demand through developing further, early intervention strategies. Ian added that the MASH is currently moving through a fine tuning process and looking at a step down model to put in early interventions to avoid young people entering the criminal justice system.

## **9. COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING UPDATE**

Cliff Owens provided the Partnership with an update against this year's CSP funding allocation. Cliff advised that a summary of this year's funding allocation and progress against the funded interventions was enclosed in the meeting pack. Cliff confirmed that the CSP allocation for 2013/14 was 12,000 and this was broken down as follows:

The CSP received 5,000 funding allocation from the West Lancashire LSP to support two interventions. This funding was specifically allocated to support multi-agency action planning to reduce ASB and Criminal Damage over the Halloween and Mischief Night period in the run up to the bonfire period. An element of the funding was also allocated to support the delivery of the Freshers Week Action Plan.

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner has also confirmed its support for two funding applications from the Partnership. This includes 5,000 funding toward the delivery of 5 Community Action and Engagement Events and 2,000 in funding towards Brightsparx. A further 3,000 from the Office of the PCC remains unclaimed and further discussions will be had with the Office of the PCC regarding its allocation.

The CSP have to date delivered one Community Engagement Event on the Scott Estate and a further event is planned for Digmoor towards the end of July 2013.

## **10. COMMUNITY ACTION AND ENGAGEMENT EVENT**

Cliff advised the Partnership that a Community Action and Information Event is scheduled to take place at Digmoor Community Centre. The event will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> July with activities also taking place on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> July. The event's aims include reducing crime and the fear of crime and providing advice and support on a range of community safety-related issues and services.

The Police and Crime commissioner Clive Grunshaw will visit the community centre at 2pm as part of his public roadshow and is keen to meet local residents to discuss important issues. In total 14 agencies have agreed to attend the event and will offer advice and support on a range of issues including drug and alcohol recovery and domestic violence support services. The Safer Travel Team will also be bringing along the Wasted Lives Crash Car in an effort to promote safe driving amongst young people.

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Services, Young Peoples Services and Skelmersdale Action for Youth will also be putting on a selection of activities aimed at young people at Digmoor Community Centre. The event will also be supported by a community clean up which is funded by the Community Safety Partnership and skips will be available over the 3 day period.

Cliff added that the event will be promoted by a press release and a flyer which will be delivered to every household in Digmoor.

## **11. FRESHERS WEEK ACTION PLANNING 2013**

Andrew Hill provided the Partnership with an update against planning for this years Freshers Week. Andrew advised the multi-agency meeting supported by Edge Hill University has been held and the Freshers Week Action Plan is currently in development. The group will aim to replicate the broad range of activities delivered in the previous year.

Andrew added that Freshers Week is scheduled to commence on Sunday the 22nd September 2013. Whilst Freshers Week September 2012 was very successful, there were reported incidents of increasing ASB in weeks 3 & 4 which also coincided with year 2 & 3 students returning to homes of multiple occupancy. It was agreed that consideration must be given to extending planning activity into weeks 2 and 3 and possibly week 4, resources permitting.

Andrew added that this year, issues impacting on local red routes linked to the Ormskirk Town Centre night time economy are also being addressed through the Town Centre Task and Time Group. The CSP has also been allocated two thousand pounds in funding from the Lancashire LSP and this will be used to support the delivery of the Freshers Week Action Plan. Andrew advised the Partnership that 3 cameras are scheduled to be installed along ST Helens Road as part of the Borough Councils new CCTV installation project.

Cliff Owens advised that the Town Centre Task and Time Group which was developed to address the ongoing reports of noise nuisance on key red routes has met three times and has developed a comprehensive multi-agency action plan to address community concerns. The action plan will also support delivery of objectives around reducing ASB during the Freshers Week period, with an added focus of developing more long term sustainable solutions.

## **12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Dorothy Shields advised that the results of the Probation Service review have been published. Dorothy advised that it looks like the Probation Service will be split into two distinct areas. The probation service is to be scaled back and to specialize in dealing only with the most dangerous and high-risk offenders and public protection cases. The majority of services will be contracted out on a payment-by -result basis.

The plans set out in the consultation, Transforming Rehabilitation; envisage inviting private companies and voluntary sector organisations to bid for the overwhelming majority of probation work. Full implementation is envisaged to take place by spring 2015

The consultation paper says the remaining role of the public sector probation service "will focus on protecting the public by managing the most high-risk offenders, including all serious sexual and violent offenders, providing advice to courts and making initial risk assessments on all offenders.

Dorothy advised that there is still no clarity over MAPPA and were clients will fall within the proposed new service. Dorothy advised that the Probation Service in Lancashire has hit all targets this year and is recognised as an outstanding organisation.

Frank Robinson advised that Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service will be looking at significant savings as part of the Emergency Cover Review. The consultation will last 12 weeks and the service needs to make financial reductions and will be looking at a resource to risk model.

### **13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the West Lancashire CSP will be held on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at 6.00pm in the Council Chamber, at the Main Council Office, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF